

# Reverend Robert L. Johnson

1907 - 1988



*To Serve This Present Age . . .*

Service Held at  
ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
662 So. 52nd Street - Richmond, California

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1988 at 11:00 A.M.

Officiating  
PASTOR LLOYD FARR

# His Life

On July 14, 1907 in Bossier Parish, La., the **Reverend Louis Johnson** was born to Frank and Charity Johnson. He received his early education at Marshall School. Reverend Johnson came to Christ at the age of seventeen and was soon baptized by Reverend Jordan Taylor of the Red Shute Baptist Church. There he served in many capacities in the church, and attended various Seminary Schools to increase his knowledge of God. He acknowledged his call to the ministry at the early age of nineteen.

In 1928, Reverend Johnson united in Holy Matrimony to Ola Lee Johnson; who preceded him in death in June of 1987. To this union 59 years, six children were born. In 1941, he moved his family to Oakland, CA, where he united with the Star Bethel Baptist Church; under the leadership of Reverend George Henderson.

His association with the St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Richmond, CA, began in 1942, and in 1947 he was elected pastor of the church. He served in this capacity for 38 years. Under his leadership three new sanctuaries and an educational building were constructed. He was also the founder of the St. John apartments and was instrumental in their management.

He served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Progressive District Association and of the Baptist Ministers' Union. In 1978, he received the Doctor of Divinity degree from the United Theological Seminary of Monroe, Louisiana.

On March 24, 1988 the angel of death broke the circle of the Johnson's family by taking the devoted father and grandfather to his resting place beyond this vail of tears.

He leaves to mourn his loss and to cherish his memory: six children, Ms. Gertude Johnson of Richmond, CA, Mr. Rudolph Johnson of Benicia, CA, Mr. Arthur Lee Johnson of Pinole, CA, Ms. Marvine Johnson of Richmond, CA, Mr. Charles L. Johnson of El Cerrito, CA, and Mr. Joseph Johnson of Richmond, CA; one God-daughter, Miss Elaine Mitchell Keith of Richmond, CA; five sisters, Ms. Hattie White of Shreveport, La., Ms. Annie Spencer of Shreveport, La., Ms. Lillian Taylor of Oakland, CA, Ms. Olivia Hendrix of Oakland, CA, and Ms. Claudia Mae Pierson of Shreveport, La.; brothers, Mr. Frank Johnson of Shreveport, La., and Mr. Amos Johnson of Richmond, CA; grandchildren, Darrius, Kimberly, Shawna, Sabrina, Christina, Victoria, Stacy, Pamela, Ronda, Anthony, Kelly, and Melony; great grandchildren, Kristen, and Jazmyne; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.



## Tribute

*TO MY BELOVED PASTOR: WE SHALL MISS YOU — FOR YOU HAVE TRULY BEEN A PASTOR, FATHER, AND A DEAR CLOSE FRIEND. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THESE WORDS THAT WILL REMAIN WITHIN MY HEART. 'BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS OUR HEARTS IN CHRISTIAN LOVE! - THE FELLOWSHIP OF KINDRED MINDS IS LIKE THAT ABOVE.'*

*WHEN WE ASUNDER PART, IT GIVES US INWARD PAIN. BUT, WE SHALL BE JOINED IN HEART, AND HOPE TO MEET AGAIN.*

**PASTOR LLOYD & PATRICIA FARR  
& FAMILY**

# Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL.....	Dr. L.H. Murphy
SCRIPTURES: New Testament.....	Reverend W. Polk
New Testament.....	Dr. H. Hudson
Old Testament.....	Reverend D. Fitch
PRAYER.....	Dr. C.E. Richardson
SPEAKERS.....	Deacon George Livingston, Mayor, City of Richmond Honorable Dan Boatwright, California State Senator Reverend W.D. Martin
SELECTION.....	"Just Look Where I've Come From"
SPEAKERS.....	Brother E. Cable, Deacon Board Chairman Brother M. Wolf, Deacon Sister I. Wells, Deaconess Sister M. Hunt, Mother's Board President Sister W. Jordan, Missionary Society President Sister Patti Farr, Youth
RESOLUTION.....	St. John Missionary Baptist Church Family
SELECTION.....	"I Don't Feel No Ways Tired"
SPEAKERS: (Pastor's).....	Dr. L.E. Herd Dr. C.E. Richardson Dr. Ray Howard
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CARDS & TELEGRAMS.....	Sister Maple Davis
OBITUARY.....	(Read in Silence)
SELECTION.....	"There's A Bright Side"
EULOGY.....	Pastor Lloyd Farr
RECESSONAL.....	Benediction
COMMITTAL SERVICE.....	

## Active Pallbearers

REVEREND LIONEL CABLE  
REVEREND DONNEL CRAVEN  
REVEREND CHARLES HARRIS  
REVEREND OTIS HARRIS

REVEREND FELTON MILES  
REVEREND MELVIN WILLIAMS  
REVEREND FLORENZO VAN HOOK  
BROTHER MAWRY ALLUM  
REVEREND CALVIN MILES

## Honorary Pallbearers

DEACONS, DEACONESS, & THE MOTHERS' BOARD  
OF THE ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Interment  
ROLLING HILLS CEMETERY  
Hilltop Drive  
Richmond, California

**"A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE"**

*A charge to Keep I have,  
A God to Glorify, Who gave  
His Son my soul to save,  
And fit if for the sky.*

*To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfill, O may  
It all my powers engage  
To do my Master's will.*

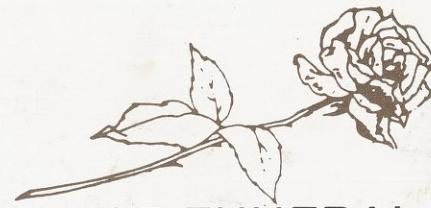
*Arm me with jealous care,  
As in Thy sight to live, And  
O Thy Servant, Lord, prepare  
A strict account to give.*

*Help me to watch and pray,  
And on Thy-self rely, By  
Faith assured I will obey,  
For I shall never die,*

**IN APPRECIATION**

*Your presence today is so expressive of Christian concern. Your personal attendance, your florals, your condolences and other deeds of kindness is appreciated.*

*-THE FAMILY*



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